



# Rule Adoption Notice

## Amendments to Instream Resources Protection Program—Lower and Upper Skagit Water Resources Inventory Areas (WRIAs 3 and 4)

### Chapter 173-503 WAC

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### Requirements of the rule

Chapter 173-503 WAC, adopted in 2001, established stream management units and associated control stations at several locations within the Lower and Upper Skagit water resources inventory areas (WRIAs 3 & 4), excluding the Samish River subbasin, Fidalgo, Guemes, Cyress, Hope and Goat Islands.

The purpose of Chapter 173-503 WAC is to retain perennial rivers, streams, and lakes in the Lower and Upper Skagit water resources inventory areas and Cultus Mt. Tributaries with instream flows and levels necessary to provide for the protection and preservation of wildlife, fish, scenic, aesthetic, and other environmental values, and navigational values, as well as recreation and water quality.

### Summary of the rule amendments adopted on May 15, 2006

This amendment to Chapter 173-503 WAC reserves a limited amount of water for future domestic, municipal, commercial/industrial, agricultural irrigation and stock-watering. The amendment establishes closures for certain tributary basins when the reservations are fully allocated, and sets forth future water right permitting conditions. The stream flows and maximum water allocation limits established for the Skagit River basin in Chapter 173-503 WAC are not altered by this amendment.

### Effective June 15, 2006

This amendment to Chapter 173-503 WAC becomes effective on June 15, 2006.

### Appeal procedures

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